Night Post Offices in the Country

965. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of night post offices functioning in the country as on December, 1996, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open such more post offices in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the names of places where these post offices are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The State-wise number of night post offices functioning in the country as on December, 1996 is given in the enclosed *statement.*

(b) The Government does not propose to open more night post offices in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement

S.No.	States	No. of NPOs
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	02
2.	Assam	01
3.	Bihar	09
4.	Delhi	13
5.	Gujarat	11
6.	Haryana	02
7.	Himachal Pradesh	01
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	01
9.	Karnataka	07
10.	Kerala	06
11.	Maharashtra	17
12.	Madhya Pradesh	08
13.	North East	03
14.	Orissa	07
15.	Punjab	03
16.	Rajasthan	07
17.	Tamil Nadu	13
18.	Uttar Pradesh	16
19.	West Bengal	10
20.	Goa	Nil
21.	Meghalaya	1
22.	Manipur	1
23.	Mizoram	Nil
24.	Nagaland	Nil
25.	Tripura	1
26.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
27.	Sikkim	Nil
1	2	3
Union Territories		
1.	Pondicherry	1
2.	Daman & Diu	Nil
3.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Nil
4.	Chandigarh	1
5.	Lakshadweep	Nil
	Total number of NOPs in the Country	142.

[English]

Post Office in Govindpuri, Delhi

966. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the residents of Govindpuri, Rampuri and other adjoining DDA flats have to face a lot of inconvenience due to absence of post office in Govindpuri;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a sub-post office of Govindpuri was closed some years back;

(d) if so, the reasons for the closure;

(e) whether the Government consider to re-open the sub-post office;

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir, a sub post office in the name of Govindpuri is already functioning in the area which is catering to the needs of Govindpuri, Rampuri and other adjoining DDA flats.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Post Office was not closed but it had to be shifted from Govindpuri in view of non-availability of suitable accommodation.

(e) to (g) Does not arise in view of (c and d) above.

[Translation]

Telephone Subscribers in J & K

967. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of telephone subscribers in Jammu and Kashmir, district-wise;

(b) the progress made so far in laying lines and starting new exchanges in District Doda, Udhampur and Kathua;